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1. SUMMARY: FROM SOMALI STANDPOINT, QADHAFI'S THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT HERE WAS APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL. WE UNDERSTAND SOMALIS GOT AID COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT LIBYA-SOMALI BANK HERE. ALTHOUGH FULL TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE HERE, SOMEWHAT VARYING RENDITIONS OF "JOINT STATEMENT" CARRIED TRIPOLI AND MOGADISCIO MEDIA (REFTELS) CONTAIN FEW SURPRISES. QADHAFI'S BEHAVIOR MOGADISCIO RELATIVELY CIRCUMSPECT AND HE MADE FEW PUBLIC STATEMENTS. SOVIETS HERE APPEARED LESS THAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAPPY AT THIS NEW EVIDENCE OF SOMALI-ARAB FRIENDSHIP. END SUMMARY.

2. QADHAFI AND SOME SEVENTY ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS PAID OFFICIAL VISIT SOMALIA FEB 28-MAR 3. SOMALIS PUT OUT RED CARPET. VISIT WAS WITHOUT SERIOUS PROBLEMS ALTHOUGH SOME CONFUSION RESULTED FROM SOMALIS UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO LENGTHEN VISIT TO FIVE DAYS. SEVERAL ARAB AMBASSADORS WHO MET PRIVATELY WITH QADHAFI WERE IMPRESSED BY HIS MODERATE STATEMENTS ON INTER-ARAB PROBLEMS.

3. SOMALIS'S MAJOR QUEST - TO GET LIBYAN MONEY PUMPED INTO AILING LOCAL ECONOMY -- WAS APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL. WE UNDERSTAND FROM ARAB COLLEAGUES THAT LIBYAN-SOMALI DEVELOPMENT BANK TO BE ESTABLISHED HERE TO COORDINATE LIBYAN DEVELOPMENT AID IS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM OTHER ARAB-AFRICAN LENDING INSTITUTIONS. QADHAFI ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT TWO COUNTRIES WOULD ESTABLISH JOINT VENTURES IN AGRICULTURE AND SEA TRANSPORT (MOG A-9, 3/3/74). LIBYAN AID PROJECTS WHICH HAD BEEN DORMANT SINCE LATE 1972 REPORTEDLY WILL BE RESUMED.

4. THERE NO REFERENCE TO CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION OF SOMALI USE OF ARABIC LANGUAGE. ALL PUBLIC SPEACHES DURING VISIT WERE MADE IN ARABIC, BUT GOVERNMENT MEDIA MADE NO CHANGE IN USE OF SOMALI LANGUAGE FOR PRESS AND RADIO BROADCASTS. ISLAMIC RELIGION AND ISLAMIC TEACHINGS WERE STRESSED; BOTH PRESIDENTS PLEDGED TO FOLLOW LAWS OF ARAB LEAGUE AND TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS OF ISLAMIC PEOPLE. IN PRESS INTERVIEW ON DEPARTURE, QADHAFI NOTED ECONOMIC POWER THAT ARAB, AFRICAN, "AND SMALL EUROPEAN NATIONS" HAVE TO CHALLENGE "SUPERPOWER MONOPOLISTS", IN FORM OF STRATEGIC COMMODITIES OTHER THAN OIL SUCH AS COPPER AND URANIUM. HE SAID "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY AFRICA, HAVE ABUNDANT RAW MATERIALS WITHOUT WHICH THE ECONOMIES OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES COULD COLLAPSE WITHIN DAYS". QADHAFI MENTIONED PROPOSALS HE HAD MADE AT LAHORE ISLAMIC SUMMIT WHICH "COULD EASE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF SOARING OIL PRICES AND REDUCED PRODUCTION".

5. NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE MADE TO ETHIOPIA OR SOMALI IRREDENTISM, ALTHOUGH TRIPOLI STATEMENT HAD QADHAFI SUPPORTING "SOMALI UNITY AND RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION".

6. ON TFAI, TRIPOLI RADIO SAID BOTH PRESIDENTS(SOMALIA MEDIA QUOTED ONLY QADHAFI) CALLED ON FRENCH TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTING THAT GOF SHOULD APPLY POLICY THERE WHICH IT HAD FOLLOWED ELSEWHERE IN THIRD WORLD, I.E., CONSIDERATION OF WISHES OF THE PEOPLE AND COOPERATION BASED ON EQUALITY.

7. ON MIDDLE EAST, PRESIDENTS DEMANDED TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, STATED ZIONISM AND "COLONIALISM-IMPERIALISM" BASED ON SIMILAR PHILOSOPHY, THAT WORLD PEACE COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED WITHOUT RECOGNITION LEGITIMATE RIGHTS

OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THEY UNDERTOOK "TO AKA JOINTLY UNTIL OCCUPIED ARAB HOMELAND IS LIBERATED".

8. THEY SAID WHITE MINORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AND PORTUGUESE AFRICA CONSTITUTED "FLAGRANT AGGRESSION AGAINST SECURITY AND DIGNITY OF AFRICA" AND CALLED UPON AFRICAN STATES TO OFFER MORE EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO LIQUIDATE IMPERIALIST AND COLONIAL REGIMES.

9. SOVIET OFFICIALS HERE ATTENDED ALL PUBLIC FUNCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT, BUT IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AND SOMALI OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY MADE NO BONES ABOUT THEIR DISPLEASURE OVER SOMALI MEMBERSHIP IN ARAB LEAGUE AND CLOSER ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH LIBYA AND OTHER LEAGUE MEMBERS. WE UNDERSTAND SOME MEMBERS OF LIBYAN DELEGATION WERE PRETTY CANDID IN CITICIZING SOMALI LINKS WITH ATHEISTIC MARXISTS WHEN ATTENDING FRIDAY SERVICES AT LOCAL MOSQUE.
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